

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In Re: U.S. District Court Jury Procedures

ORDER

The First Circuit Judicial Council voted unanimously on February 2, 2009, to approve the Plan for the Random Selection of Grand and Petit Jurors (Plan) for the United States District Court, District of New Hampshire.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Jury Selection and Service Act of 1968, 28 U.S.C. § 1861 et seq., and in accordance with the Plan, the master jury wheel shall be emptied and initially refilled once every four (4) years, within nine (9) months (or as soon as practical) following the November general election. The current master wheel was implemented following the presidential election on November 2, 2004. Jurors qualified under the 2004 master jury wheel shall remain available for service until the implementation of the new master jury wheel following the general election on November 4, 2008.

As set forth below, the Clerk of Court is directed to draw a sufficient number of prospective jurors from the qualified jury wheel for the purpose of selecting petit and grand juries.

Petit Jury. The Court has set the term of service for petit jurors at eight (8) weeks. The Clerk shall draw a sufficient number of prospective jurors from the qualified wheel necessary to assure that each new petit jury pool is of an appropriate size and is summoned in sufficient time to replace a retiring jury pool in accordance with established trial schedules.

Grand Jury. The term of service for grand jurors is not to exceed twelve (12) months. New grand jury pools shall be impaneled only upon motion by the United States Attorney granted by the Court. Upon approval, the Clerk shall draw a sufficient number of names from the qualified

wheel for the grand jury pool and alternates. Grand jury terms shall extended only upon motion by the United States Attorney granted by the Court.

Inquiries regarding administrative jury procedures and/or jury service may be directed to the United States District Court Jury Office, Warren B. Rudman U.S. Courthouse, 55 Pleasant Street, Concord, New Hampshire, 03301-3941 or by calling 603-225-1423 any weekday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This Order shall remain in effect unless otherwise amended.

SO ORDERED.



Steven J. McAuliffe
Chief Judge

Dated: February 11, 2009